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This is a decision on the petition, filed September 1, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for express abandonment. See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(3). The above-identified application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application filed September 1, 2004.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8859.

The application is being referred to Files Repository.

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